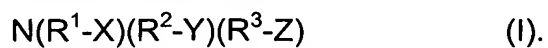


ABSTRACT

A reagent for use in immunoassays reduces interference in particle agglutination assays. The reagent contains particles having covalently bound antibodies and a tertiary amine compound of formula (I):

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The moieties R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are independently alkyl or alkyl ether. The moieties X, Y, and Z are independently $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O-R}^4$, $-\text{S-R}^4$, $-\text{C(=O)-OH}$, $-\text{C(=O)-OR}^4$, or $-\text{C(=O)-NHR}^4$ (R^4 is alkyl).

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